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SUBJECT: IREX PROPOSES ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL EXCHANGE

1. IREX HAS INFORMED US THAT IT HAS DECIDED TO PROPOSE TO MHE THAT SOVIET GS/YF NOMINEE AIRAPETIAN BE PLACED AT NE SSELAER POLYTECHNIC IN TROY, NEW YORK, TO BRING THE NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS ON EACH SIDE TO 46. IREX HAS EMPHASIZED THAT IT WILL NOT OFFER ADDITIONAL PLACEMENTS IF FURTHER SOVIET NOMINEES SHOULD WITHDRAW.

2. IREX IS ALSO PLANNING TO PROPOSE PLACEMENT OF AVAKIAN AD KAZANSKIY IF M,E AGREES TO PLACE WHEELER AND PLESZCZINSKI. IREX IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE PLOY WILL WORK--AN OPINION WE SHARE.

3. WE UNDERSTAND EMBASSY REASONING IN ADVOCATING THAT NO ADDITIONAL PLACEMENTS OF ANY KIND BE OFFERED TO BRING THE LEVELS ON EACH SIDE TO THE SAME NUMBER. AT THE SAME TIME WE BELIEVE, AS DOES IREX, THAT WITHOUT WILLINGNESS ON OUR
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SIDE TO BRING THE NUMBERS TO THE SAME LEVEL WE MIGHT BE

BURDENED WITH MILLSTONE IN OUR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN SOVIET
RECIPROCITY ON OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM. WE SHARE THE
EMBASSY'S OPINION THAT BETTER ARCHIVAL ACCESS AND MORE
RESPONSIVE PLACEMENT REMAIN PRIMARY OBJECTIVES IN OUR

UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS ON NEW 3-YEAR
PROGRAM, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK MEANS TO MAKE
PROGRESS ON THESE MATTERS. (FYI, WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO
STIFFEN LANGUAGE ON ARCHIVAL ACCESS IN THE IMPLEMENTING
CONDITIONS FOR THE NEW PROGRAM.) ROBINSON

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